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Office of Community Living  
1570 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203

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Dear CDASS and IHSS Stakeholders:

In the FY 2015-16 Long Bill (SB 15-234), the General Assembly approved funding for targeted rate increases for personal care and homemaker services. However, the General Assembly did not include funding to apply these targeted rate increases to Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) allocations. Historically, the Joint Budget Committee has approved increases to CDASS allocations concurrently with direct increase to rates.

As a result, the Department erroneously believed that this was a technical error, and that the Department would be able to increase CDASS allocations and account for the fiscal impact retroactively through the budget process. However, upon further review and in consultation with Joint Budget Committee staff, the Department has determined that this is not a technical error, and that the General Assembly would need to appropriate new funding for the purpose of increasing CDASS allocations prior to applying these targeted rate increases.

We want to be transparent and alert our stakeholders that we have misinterpreted information. We plan to discuss this at the July 22 Wednesday Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative (PDPPC) meeting with the larger group of stakeholders. We know this issue is critically important and apologize for the misinterpretation.

If you are interested in attending the PDPPC, please see the information for both in person and call-in attendance below:

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, July 22, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

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**Location:** MS Society, 900 S. Broadway, 2nd Floor, Snowmass Room, Denver, CO 80209

**Call-In Option:** Toll 1-720-279-0026; Toll Free 1-877-820-7831;  
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Respectfully,



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